

House Resolution No. 772

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Teen Challenge Thrift Store in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, which will celebrate its Grand Opening with a festive ribbon cutting ceremony to be held March 1, 2005; and

Whereas, in February of 1979, a group of women joined together to support the ministry of Teen Challenge International of Mid-America and quickly developed the idea of a thrift shop as a means of raising funds for the ministry; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Pat Snyder, the store was opened in July of 1979 in a rent-free building on Sprigg Street owned by Dr. Bill Seabaugh; and

Whereas, following an expansion in 1988 and a costly fire in 1998 that slowed but could not stop the store and its volunteers, auxiliary members began to look for a permanent location in 2003; and

Whereas, this Grand Opening is a celebration of the love, concern, and dedication of the wonderful Auxiliary members at Teen Challenge International of Mid-America whose efforts have provided the food budget for the 135 or more students who are part of the program; and

Whereas, through the years, the Auxiliary members have made significant contributions to the dorm and staff housing expansions, refurbishing of the dorm, construction of the chapel, and the provision of Christmas gifts for students in the program:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the Teen Challenge Thrift Store upon the completion and Grand Opening of its new facility; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Teen Challenge Thrift Store in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Nathan D. Cooper
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 772, adopted February 24, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker